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2020 Recap and Where Do We Go From Here

This year has brought many challenges to all of us. As Scouters, we have faced these challenges head on. We have set up virtual programs ideas on our website (link below), encouraged Scouting at home, held the Spring Camporee while social distancing, had a successful Cub Scout Day Camp, took first place for youth organizations at the Golden Heart Reverse Parade for Golden Days, and have just finished two awesome weeks of Scout Camp out at Lost Lake. We were able to accomplish all of this, while maintaining state COVID-19 mandates. Our Summer Camp program was one of the few that operated in the entire United States.

So how do we finish the rest of the year? Meet in person, when you are able, while still maintaining all the state mandates. Recruit youth through every means possible, as the normal ways may not work.

We will use geo-fencing and the BeAScout.org website to encourage families to join. If needed, continue virtual meetings. Attend Roundtable, even if you do it via Zoom. The bottom line, is to stay active.

Practice Scouting as a family and as a Unit. Be prepared for the future.

How can the Council help? If you are having trouble meeting at your normal location, you can use the downstairs of the office as one option, depending on availability. Just remember to stay in the large room, as it will have to be cleaned after each use. We have online tools for your meetings - program ideas and more for both Cubs and Scouts. Financial assistance may be available to help with membership registrations. Work with your Unit Commissioner and

Popcorn Season is here!

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United Way
of Tanana Valley

As a United Way agency, members have various resources at their disposal to help with food, shelter, and other needs.

Here is their website:

<https://unitedwaytv.com/>

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Important Dates

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August 2020

August 6 - TVD District Roundtable @ 7:00 pm

August 12 - Popcorn Kick off and Kernel Training

August 13-14 - Scout Shop and Office closed for National Training

August 14-16 - Toontuk Fall Induction

August 18 - Eagle books due

August 19 - Bush District Roundtable

August 22 - Youth Safety Day

August 25 - Eagle Board - by appointment

September 2020

Sept 3 - TVD District Roundtable @ 7:00 pm

Sept 7 - Office and Scout Shop closed - Labor Day

Sept 16 - Bush District Roundtable @ 5:45 pm

Sept 22 - Eagle books due

Sept 29 - Eagle Board - by appointment

October 2020

Oct 1 - TVD District Roundtable @ 7:00 pm

Oct 2-4 - Vigil Weekend @ Lost Lake Camp

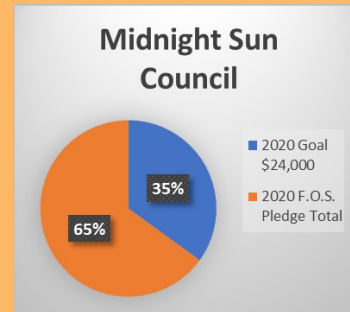
District Executive if you need assistance. Let us know how else we can help.

Be Prepared and Keep on Scouting!

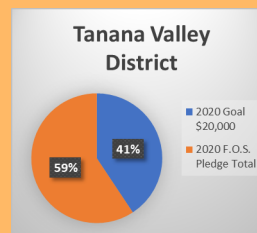
<https://midnightsunbsa.org/scouting-home-with-the-midnight-sun-council.html>

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Friends of Scouting Family Campaign Update



Thank you to everyone who has helped get the 2020 Friends of Scouting Family Campaign off to a strong start, and **congratulations** to Troop 1138 B, Troop 1138 G, Troop 1047 and Pack 1551 for achieving their F.O.S. Goals!!



The Tanana Valley District has raised **\$11,854** towards the District Goal of **\$20,000** and the Bush District has raised **\$3,450** towards the District Goal of **\$4,000!**

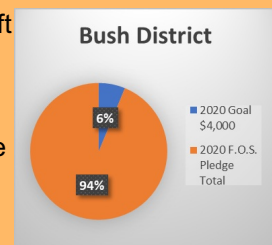
Let's pick back up where we left off with this campaign!

Unit Leaders or F.O.S.

Coordinators, please continue to plan to hold an F.O.S.

presentation once your Troop or Pack resumes meeting in

person and email robert.stewart@scouting.org if you need a packet or a guest presenter.



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Roundtable



The next Tanana Valley District Roundtable will be **online** on Aug 6th, 2020 at 7:00 pm through Zoom and **in-person** at the Council Office.

Please join us by visiting the link below or downloading the Zoom app and entering this information:

Meeting ID: **547 704 2083** and Passcode: **55157**

TVD: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5477042083?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5477042083?pwd=b1ExSWY4YUthUF12dzM2LzVjVkd1UT09)

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Oct - 3 - Freeze up Canoe Race

Oct 12 - Scout Shop and Office closed -
Indigenous People Day

Oct 20 - Eagle books due

Oct 21 - Bush District Roundtable @ 5:45 pm

Oct 27 - Eagle Board - by appointment

Oct 31 - POPCORN Distro & Pickup

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BeAScout.org: The smart and simple way to recruit Scouts during COVID-19

Fortunately, you don't need to be a master of search engine optimization to recruit new families to your pack, troop, crew or ship. You just need to update your [BeAScout pin](#). And thanks to some volunteer-focused changes to this process, it's now easier than ever to do so.... [Click here for more information](#)

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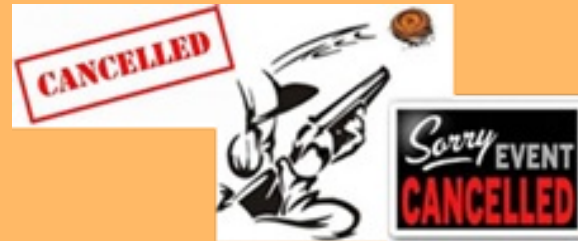


2020 Board Campaign Summary			
	Pledge	Payment	2019
Fishing For Funds	\$ 10,111.92	\$ 10,111.92	\$ 10,825.00
Catch & Keep	\$ 22,800.00	\$ 18,400.00	\$ 22,850.00
Smokin' Salmon	\$ 4,969.69	\$ 3,769.69	\$ 4,383.84
The Mighty Lemmings	\$ 15,983.57	\$ 13,654.09	\$ 25,490.83
Grand Totals:	\$ 53,865.18	\$ 45,935.70	\$ 63,549.67
Goal: \$55,000			
97.94% of goal			
Outstanding effort thus far, Thank you!			

The next Bush District Roundtable will also be held **online** on Aug 19th, 2020 starting at 6:15 pm **and in -person** at the Mt. McKinley Bank in Delta Junction.

Please join us by visiting the link below or downloading the Zoom app and entering this information:
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We are sorry to announce that the Sporting Clay event that was scheduled for August 8th, has been cancelled because of the recent uptick of COVID-19 in the area.

The Bison Hunt Raffle drawing will still be conducted by VFW Post 10029, along with other drawings for the door prizes for the members of the registered teams. Winners of the prizes will be contacted, no need to be present to win.

We'd like to thank all of our sponsors for this year's event and donors of the prizes. We ask everyone to please visit our sponsors and give them your support: Doyon Utilities LLC, Alaska Railroad, Sportsman's Warehouse, Big Ray's, Rod's Alaskan Guide Service, Pike's Landing, Bennett Engineering, Arctic Fire & Safety, Iron & Wood, Alaska Ammo, Independent Rental, and Frontier Outfitters.

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VFW POST 10029

BUFFALO / HALIBUT RAFFLE TICKETS: \$50
EACH DRAWING: AUGUST 8, 2020



VFW POST 10029
BUFFALO / HALIBUT RAFFLE
TICKETS: \$50 EACH
DRAWING: AUGUST 8, 2020
Drawing held at the Fairbanks Trap Club
Located at 6.5 mile Old Steese HWY Fairbanks .

1st Drawing is for one **2.5 Year Old Bull Buffalo** at the Alaska Interior Game Ranch, Delta Junction (or \$2000 cash).

2nd Drawing is for a **2.5 Year Old Heifer (female) Buffalo** at the Alaska Interior Game Ranch, Delta Junction (or \$1000 cash).

3rd Drawing is for **1 full day of Chartered Halibut fishing for 2 out** of Valdez. (or \$500 Cash).

Contact C.J. Stewart at 907-888-7368 for tickets. Only 400 available.
Hunt Winners must be physically and mentally fit. Must be able and willing to walk long distances and carry a heavy pack.
Halibut Winner must possess all required licenses and permits from ADF&G.
Travel to and from locations is the responsibility of the winners.
Proceeds will benefit the Midnight Sun Council, BSA.
Need not be present to win Permit # 704



[Click here for flyer and more information](#)

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Cub Scout Adult Leader Training



The Cub Scout English E-Learning and Facilitated Adult Training have been updated to match current Cub Scout Program changes and updates to include using Scoutbook - especially in relation to conducting a Cub Scout Den Meeting using the Den Leader Experience.

The new modules are available in the BSA Learn Center, and the following modules have been updated:

- Conducting a Cub Scout Den Meeting
- Annual Program Planning
- Cub Scout Uniforms
- Conducting a Cub Scout Pack Meeting
- Resources
- Involving Adults in Cub Scouting
- Conducting a Cub Scout Pack Committee Meeting
- The new English Facilitated materials can be downloaded from the

[scouting.org/training/adult](https://www.scouting.org/training/adult) page or by [clicking here](#).

We encourage even those already position trained to accomplish the new modules so they are current with the latest program changes.

<https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Cub-Scout-Leader-Training-Facilitator-Guide.pdf>

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How to earn the James M. Stewart Good Citizenship Award



We could use a few more Jimmy Stewarts in the world. The Oscar-winning actor, philanthropist and military officer was a Scout in Troop 3 of Indiana, Pa. - about an hour east of Pittsburgh....

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or contact CJ at

Clinton.Stewart@scouting.org

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Popcorn

Popcorn season is upon us! Kernels for Council, District and Unit levels are needed.

Kickoff and Kernel training is scheduled for the 12th of August at

5:30pm at the Council Service Center. A training will be scheduled for the Bush District. A ZOOM meeting will also be available. Kernels as well as Senior Patrol Leaders are encouraged to attend. Pizza and Prizes will be available during the training.

I have asked our Trails End contact to join us for the training through Zoom or teleconference, so any questions or concerns can be answered directly from TE without delay. Additionally, in response to the Pandemic, Trails End has been busy updating their sales app and website to make online selling easier, this year's online & app sales can begin as early as 1 July!

Popcorn Kernels can register units for selling popcorn through the Trails End site. Then the Council can approve units and selling can start that day. Email CJ at Clinton.Stewart@Scouting.Org for information and further details.

Register your unit here: <https://www.trails-end.com/unit-registration?council=b81595ce-f21c11e5a5eb0632e198f0a5&campaign=e45cb48d-09e2-11e9-9936-127eedb020aa>

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2020 Midnight Sun Council Family Camping Program



In order to share Scouting with more families and support "peer to peer" recruitment efforts by our units,

ATTENTION PACK LEADERS!!!



[Click here to view the new WELCOME CUB SCOUT FAMILIES brochure](#)

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Truck Needed!!



Ranger Rick's famous blue 1997 GMC 2500 is starting to show its age and the repairs are starting to add up.

If anyone has a truck they'd like to donate that is in good condition, but wants to try out a new life by serving Lost Lake and our Scouts, please contact Matt at the office at 907-452-1976.

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The Tanana Valley District is looking for volunteers to serve as Unit Commissioners!

These individuals play a key role in supporting our units with focused

attention and serve as a bridge between the unit and available District or Council Resources.

Please reach out to District Commissioner Mike Galloway at mikegalloway55@gmail.com to learn more!

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Online Position Specific Training



Did you know that there are training plans

the Midnight Sun Council is pleased to announce our Family Camping program for 2020!

Families will be encouraged to visit the facilities we have to offer at Lost Lake Scout Camp on a weekend that works with their schedules, rather than through their Pack or Troop. Families are asked to share the Scouting adventure with a non-Scouting family by bringing them to camp and giving them a taste of all the opportunities Scouting has to offer.

We hope you'll help spread the word that families in the Council should come on out to Lost Lake and bring a friend! Contact the Council office at 907-452-1976 to check on campsite availability.

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FALL RECRUITMENT STRATEGIES

With the postponement of the start of in-person schooling, we will need to try new ways to recruit. The bottom line is to keep Scouts active, in person or virtually. Please follow the links below for some virtual recruitment ideas:

Use This Virtual Rally Plan to Recruit Scouts During COVID-19



Because of COVID-19, parents simply aren't involving their children in as many in-person group activities as they otherwise would have.

Many of those activities, like youth sports, for instance, are largely impossible to conduct safely in some communities. Scouting, on the other hand, can conduct much of its programming through virtual means.

[click here to read more](#)

Using Tools Like Geofencing and Nextdoor Events to Promote Scouting



Article Submitted by David Rico, Southern and Central Region Membership Growth Coach Using tools like Facebook geofencing and Nextdoor events

designed specifically for your position on My.Scouting.org?

Every Scout deserves a trained leader, and you can complete these courses at your own pace!

Please log into My.Scouting.org and follow the steps below to see what kinds of training plans are available that relate to your position.

Menu>My Training>Training Center

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Youth Protection Reminder

It's critical that we all continue to keep youth protection top-of-mind whether our Scouting activities are taking place in person or through a digital platform.

Of note, remember that BSA prohibits any one-on-one interaction between an adult leader and a Scout - in person, online, through a web conference, over the phone, via text, or in any other form.

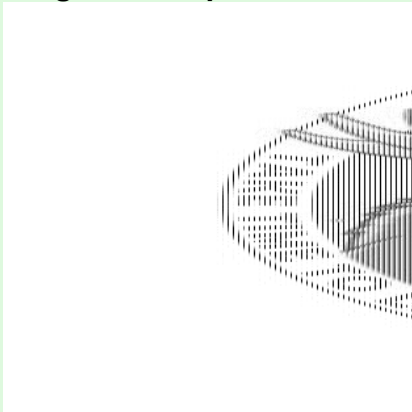
Detailed youth protection information is [available here](#). To ensure you are following safety standards for all Scouting activities, please reference the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#).

The [BSA's Social Media Guidelines](#) serve as a complement to our youth protection policies.

Please remember that the Midnight Sun Council requires YPT to be renewed annually to be considered current!

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State forestry seeks public's help naming new fire prevention moose



Every Alaskan has a stake in smart wildland fire prevention and management, so the Division of Forestry is holding a contest to give every Alaskan the chance to name its new "Take Time To LEARN Before You Burn" moose.

Entries will be accepted until September 1.

[Click here for more information](#)

can be useful in the promotion of Scout recruiting events like Join Scouting nights - even if those events are virtual. In this article, we'll discuss some best practices when utilizing those tools.

[click here to read full article](#)

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VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH SPOTLIGHT!



This month we want to recognize a special volunteer for all they do for the Midnight Sun Council.

JON DOTY

Jon Doty is our volunteer spotlight of the month. Jon was a Scout in our Council where he earned Eagle. In the 90's he took over as Scoutmaster for his Troop, 42, in North Pole.

He has served at the Council level as our Aquatics Committee Chair and he has served the Tanana District leading many events over the years. His most important volunteer position has been as Scoutmaster, serving hundreds of Scouts and families with the Scouting program.

He earned the Scoutmaster Award of Merit, District Award of Merit and was honored with the Silver Beaver. He met his wife, Suzy, through the Troop and we are very thankful to her for sharing her husband as he spends many hours Scouting. Jon is the Midnight Sun's longest serving Scoutmaster!

**JON! THANK YOU SO MUCH
FOR ALL YOU DO!**

This will be a continued feature in our Newsletter. To nominate a Volunteer of the Month please email

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Flag Retirement Ceremonies



We have old flags for units to use to teach scouts how to respectfully retire a flag.

They are available for pick up at the scout office during regular business hours.

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Advancement during COVID-19: Official details about Eagle extensions and more



The BSA has a message to young people concerned that the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak will prevent them from completing Eagle Scout rank requirements before their 18th birthday: Don't worry; we've got your back.

[Click here for more information!](#)

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TRAIL TO EAGLE

We are proud of our prospective Eagle Scouts. Workbooks are available online. If you have questions please note that appointments are needed as people you may need to talk to are not always available.



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**Congratulations
to our
2020 Eagle Scouts**

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Save The Date: Fall Camporee



The Tanana Valley District Camporee Committee is forming plans for the Fall Camporee!

This will take place
September 18-20, with more details to come.

The theme is centered around completing requirements for Merit Badges and is bound to be a great experience for new and experienced Scouts!

If you would like to be involved in the Camporee Committee please contact
robert.stewart@scouting.org

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2020 Golden Days Grande Parade



This year the Golden Days Grande Parade was a **REVERSE PARADE**, where over 750 families received Boy's Life Mini Mags and cruised by our entry at the Tanana Valley State Fairgrounds.

Special thanks to members of our District Committee and Troops 1138, 1042, 1084, and Pack 1551 for helping showcase Scouting to the Fairbanks community!



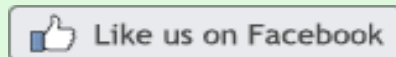


Samuel Bangerter
Troop 5
LDS 5th Ward

**Noah Connolly and
Simon Connolly
Dawson Freeman
Caleb Snell**
Troop 14
North Pole Community

Wesley Patton
Troop 56
Delta Lions Club

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Are you a friend of the Midnight Sun Council's Facebook page? If the answer is no, then you are missing out on all of the important updates and announcements that we share via Facebook, like our meeting announcements, upgrades at Lost Lake, changes in program, and more! Come check us out, "LIKE" the page and "SHARE" the stories with your friends.

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Join Our Mailing List



The Golden Days leadership shared their opinion of our entry by awarding the Midnight Sun Council "Best Youth Organization!"

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SCOUT SHOP NEWS

Uniform bottoms will be 20% off with the purchase of it's matching top
August 17-October 10, 2020.

See the council website for more items and specials.

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THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR 2020 GOLDEN EAGLE SPONSORS

Steve Adamczak	Steve Adams	Alaska Riverways, Inc
Hank Bartos	Ben Lomond	Andrew Bennett
Larry Bennett	Mary Binkley	Dennis "Skip" Cook
Jeff Cook	Matt Cooper	Doyon Utilities, LLC
Fairbanks Gold Mine	Bob Groseclose	Kal Kennedy
Cindy Mascadri	The Optimist Club of Fairbanks	Stephen Smith
Rob Taylor	Rod's Alaskan Guide Service	Tired Iron
Dennis Wise		

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